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HERB GROWERS

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PLANTATION GARDENS

PLANTATION GARDENS is an authentic ante bellum plantation located in the Piedmont region of Virginia. Here, in the warm southern sunshine, we raise field grown herbs for the American garden. Our hand gathered seeds are fresh, ripe, cleaned and graded. We give prompt and efficient service on all mail orders.

There are herbs to suit everyone's taste in both the esthetic and gustatory sense. They are adaptable to any garden, from the small or informal type, to the large formal one. A few herbs for culinary use, add accent and interest to the vegetable garden. Few species of flora are as well endowed since there are so many varieties that are useful as well as ornamental. Their threefold benefits of fragrance, flavor and charm are a continual delight and a stimulating reward.

BRUCE AND ELEANOR CHALFIN.

HERB SEEDS AND PLANTS

AMBROSIA: *Chenopodium botrys* (Annual). Feathery plumes of tiny green flowers; oak type leaf. Very aromatic. Requires full sun; any soil; height, about one foot. Seed only, pkt. 25c

ANISE: *Pimpinella anisum* (Annual). Dainty leaf; white blossoms in umbels. Seeds used to flavor cookies, cakes. Full sun; good soil; height, two feet. Seed, pkt. 15c

BALM, LEMON: *Melissa officinalis* (Perennial). Strong lemon scent and flavor. Bushy, green plant; white florets. Leaf in tea, summer drinks, fruit salad and dried for sachet. Any soil; height, two to three feet. Plants, 25c each; Seed, pkt. 15c

BASIL, BUSH: *Ocimum minimum* (Annual). Bright green, compact plant; white flower; an effective edging plant. Same uses as Sweet Basil. Sun; good soil; more moisture than most herbs. Seed, pkt. 25c

BASIL, LEMON: (Annual). Graceful; light green leaf; white blossom. Wonderful seasoning for tomatoes, peas, French Dressing. Citrus taste and aroma. Height, eighteen inches. Seed, pkt. 15c

BASIL, LETTUCE, leaf: (Annual). Not as pretty as other basil but good flavor green or dried. Height, eighteen inches. Seed, pkt. 15c

BASIL, PURPLE: *Ocimum purpureum* (Annual). Very ornamental; purple leaf; pink flower. Very spicy taste. Sun; good soil; height, two feet. Seed, pkt. 25c

BASIL, SACRED: *Ocimum sanctum* (Annual). Dark green; lavender flower sprays; pungent odor. Height, eighteen inches. Seed, pkt. 20c

BASIL, SWEET: *Ocimum basilicum* (Annual). White blossom; fragrant. Used to flavor tomato dishes, salads, vegetables. Height, two feet. Seed, pkt. 15c

BORAGE: *Borago officinalis* (Annual). Large, crinkled gray-green leaf; lovely deep blue flowers similar to Anchusa. Young leaves in green salad. Bees love it. Sun, any soil; height, two feet. Seed, pkt. 15c

BURNET: *Sanguisorba officinalis* (Perennial). Lacy leaf, picot-edged; velvety rose-red blossom. Cucumber flavored leaves in salad, soups. Sun; any soil; height, two feet.
Plants, 30c; Seed, pkt. 15c

CARAWAY: *Carum carvi* (Biennial). Fern-like leaf; creamy-white flowers in umbels. Seeds used in biscuits, cake, cookies, cheeses. Sun; any soil; height the second year, two or three feet.
Seed, pkt. 15c

CATNIP: *Nepeta catari* (Perennial). Grayish-green leaf; lavender flower spikes. Medicinal tea; cats love it. Sun or shade; any soil; height, two or three feet.
Plants, 25c; Seed, pkt. 15c

CHERVIL: *Anthriscus cerefolium* (Annual). Fragile, lacy leaf; white bloom. Flavors salad, fish, eggs, sauces. The French call this leaf one of the "fine herbs." Rich soil; part shade; height, ten inches.
Seed, pkt. 25c

CHAMOMILE: *Matricaria chamomilla* (Annual). Fern-like leaf; white daisy flower. Leaf for tea; flower as a hair rinse. Sun; any soil; height, one foot.
Seed, pkt. 15c

CHIVES: *Allium schoenoprasum* (Perennial). Large, deep lavender pompom flowers; leaf has delicate onion taste. Sun or partial shade; rich soil; height, one foot.
Plants, 25c; Seed, pkt. 15c

CORIANDER: *Coriandrum sativum* (Annual). Dainty plant; pale lilac bloom. Seed used (shelled and crushed) in cake, cookies, apple pie. Sun; any soil; height, ten inches.
Seed, pkt. 15c

CAMPHOR PLANT: *Chrysanthemum majus* (Perennial). Gray leaf; white flower heads. Strong camphor scent. Sun; any soil. Two feet.
Seed, pkt. 25c

FENNEL, FLORENCE: *Finocchio* (Annual). Resembles dill. Stalk eaten like celery; seed used in pudding, bread, cookies. Sun; any good soil; height, four or five feet.
Seed, pkt. 10c

FENNEL, SWEET: *Foeniculum officinale* (Annual). Similar to Finocchio but only seeds are eaten, not the stem. Leaf in fish, soup.
Seed, pkt. 15c

DILL: *Anthum graveolens* (Annual). Feathery leaf; yellow flower heads. Leaf seasons sauces, potatoes, salads; seed used in rye bread, pickles, vinegar. Sun; any soil; height, four feet.
Seed, pkt. 10c

FEVER FEW: *Matricaria* (Perennial). Leaf like the chrysanthemum but more green; white flower similar to santolina. Nice for vase arrangements. Sun or part shade; any soil; height, 1 foot.
Plants, 35c; Seed, pkt. 25c

ELECAMPANE: *Inula helenium* (Perennial). Huge, handsome leaf; yellow petals. Medicinal root. Sun or shade; any soil; height, four feet.
Seed, pkt. 25c

HOREHOUND: *Marrubium vulgare* (Perennial). Gray foliage, tiny white blossom. Leaf in candy and tea (soothing to the throat). Any location; height, two feet.
Plants, 25c; Seed, pkt. 15c

HYSSOP: *Hyssopus officinalis* (Perennial). Shrubby plant, smooth leaf, almost evergreen. May be trimmed to look like box. Blue flowers all the season. Now used as a decorative herb in garden and flower arrangements. Sun; any soil (well limed); height, two feet.
Plants, 30c; Seed, pkt. 15c

HYSSOP: *ruber or alba* (Perennial). Mixed, predominately either, pink or white.
Plants, 35c; Seed, pkt. 20c

LAMB'S EARS: *Stachys lanata* (Perennial). Also called Wooly Betony from it's gray, velvety leaf; purple flower. An interesting plant for a border as it forms a thick, wide mat. Flower arrangements. Sun; any soil; height, ten inches. Plants, 35c; Seed, pkt. 20c

LAVENDER, SPIKE: *Lavandula spica* (Perennial). Branching, gray leaf; lavender flower. Not as hardy as vera. Sun; well limed soil; height, two feet.

Plants, 50c; Seed, standard only, 25c

LAVENDER, TRUE: *Lavandula vera* (Perennial). Shrubby gray plant, deep lavender flower sprays, very fragrant.

Plants, 50c; Seed, standard only, pkt. 25c

MARJORAM, SWEET: *Marjorana hortensis* (tender Perennial). Gray, bushy herb with a sweet scent; tiny knotted green buds, white blossoms. Leaf in salad, soup, eggs, meats; in Potpourri. Sun; good soil; height, one foot.

Plants, 50c; Seed, pkt. 20c

MARJORAM, WILD: *Majorana onites* (Perennial). Leaf, dark green, pretty purple flower. Ornamental and hardy.

Plants, 30c; Seed, pkt. 20c

MONARDA, SPOTTED: *Monarda punctata* (Perennial). Aromatic, graceful plant; large pink speckled flowers, three or four on each stem, graduated in size. Charming in garden or bouquets.

Plants, 25c; Seed, pkt. 15c

MINT, SPEAR: *Mentha spicata*. For mint julep, lamb sauce.

Plants only, clump, 25c

NEPT: *Nepeta mussini* (Perennial). Low, spreading gray foliage, many spikes of lavender flowers, blooming early and often. Sun or shade; any soil; height, eight inches; used for edging beds.

Plants, 35c; Seed, pkt. 15c

PERIWINKLE: *Vinca* (Perennial). Dark evergreen ground cover or bedding plant; purple flower.

Plants only, clump, 25c

PERILLA: *Frutescens crispa* (Annual). Very unusual deep purple leaf; dark mauve flowers. Aromatic scent. Sun or shade. Height, two feet.

Seed, pkt. 15c

PARSLEY: ITALIAN (Biennial). Stronger flavor than curled parsley. Sun or part shade; good soil; height, two feet.

Seed, pkt. 10c

CURLED: (Biennial). Moss-like leaf, white flower. One foot.

Seed, pkt. 10c

ROSEMARY: *Rosmarinus officinalis* (tender Perennial). Sweet scented, dark green leaf; blue blossom. Used for flavoring and fragrance. Sun; good soil; in the north, winter indoors; height, three feet.

Plants, 50c; Seed, pkt. 15c

RUE: *Ruta graveolens* (Perennial). Beautiful blue-green, scalloped leaf; bright yellow flower; almost continuous bloom. Aromatic; strong seasoning for salad, vinegar; good bouquet material. Sun; any soil; height, two feet.

Plants, 35c; Seed, pkt. 15c

SAFFRON, FALSE: *Carthamus tinctorius* (Annual). Spiny leaf, large yellow-orange flowers that are used to color rice, butter, pudding. Easy to grow and very colorful. Sun; any soil; height, three feet.

Seed only, pkt. 15c

SAGE, CLARY: *Salvia sclarea* (Biennial). Heart-shaped leaf, variegated mauve flowers. Strong perfume. Sun; any soil; height, two feet.

Seed only, pkt. 25c

SAGE, GARDEN: *Salvia officinalis* (Perennial). Pebbled, gray leaf; dark purple flower sprays, effective in garden or bouquet. Used in pork and poultry seasoning, sage tea. Sun; light soil; height, two feet.

Plants, 30c; Seed, pkt. 15c

SANTOLINA: *Chamaecyparissus or virides* (Perennial). Gray or green scented leaf; white and yellow flower. Sun; any soil; height, two feet.

Seed, pkt. 25c

SAVORY, SUMMER: *Satureia hortensis* (Annual). Narrow leaf; tiny mauve flower. Leaf seasons soup, salad, beans. Sun; any soil; height, 18 inches. Seed, pkt. 15c

SESAME, BENE: *Sesamum indicum* (Annual). Handsome, tall plant with pink blossom like foxglove. Seeds in cookies, cakes or sprinkled on top. Delicious slightly toasted. Sun; any soil; height, four feet. Seed only, pkt. 15c

SKIRRET: *Sium sisarum* (Perennial). Shiny leaf; white flowers. Root cooked as a vegetable. Sun; good soil; height, three feet. Seed only, pkt. 15c

SORREL, FRENCH: *Rumex scutatus* (Perennial). Attractive foliage; bronze blossom. Leaf flavors soup, salad, spinach. Sun; good soil; height, 1½ feet. Seed, pkt. 15c

THYME, ENGLISH: *Thymus vulgaris* (Perennial). Shrubby stem; pink flower. The peppery scent of leaf is intriguing and has many culinary uses. Makes a good edging or rock-garden plant. Sun; any soil. Plants, 30c; Seed, pkt. 25c

VALERINA: *Garden Heliotrope* (Perennial). Slender, smooth leaf; rose flower. Fragrant and colorful. Sun; good soil; height, two feet. Plants, 35c; Seed, pkt. 25c

WOAD: *Isatis tinctoria* (Biennial). Tall, decorative bushy plant; many large yellow flowers. Leaf for blue-green dye. Sun; any soil; height, four feet. Seed, pkt. 15c

WORMWOOD: *Artemisia annua* (Annual). Aromatic, shrubby herb resembling a fir tree; small yellow blossoms. Sun; any soil; height, five feet. Seed, pkt. 15c

MUGWORT: *A. vulgare* (Perennial). Gray, strongly scented leaf; yellow flower panicles. Leaf in stuffing for duck, goose, game. Sun; any soil; height, four feet. Seed only, pkt. 25c

Above prices are for the standard size packet. We will again have the "MINIATURE PACKETTE" that has been so popular. All varieties, ten cents each. These contain an ample amount of seed for a small or trial Herb Patch.

**ADDITIONAL SEED
(Mixed colors)**

HOLLYHOCK	Seed, pkt. 10c	CANTERBURY BELLS	Seed, pkt. 15c
FOXGLOVE	Seed, pkt. 10c	SWEET WILLIAM, SPICE PINKS	Seed, pkt. 15c

A bonus packet of seed given with every order of \$1.25 or over.

Seeds sent postpaid. Plants fifty cents extra for transportation, unless order totals five dollars or over. Order as early as possible. Since supply of certain varieties are limited, please suggest two or three substitute choices. Orders and inquiries should be addressed to:

PLANTATION GARDENS, R. F. D. # 2 (Rural Box 223) LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Since weather, culture and proper planting play a large part in the success of any seeds, we give no warranty for the crop. However, in order to aid our customers to obtain productivity from our clean, fresh, ripe seeds we are offering hints for herb planting. Study our suggestions when ordering and follow these general directions when planting. Keep this folder for further reference as it may prove useful many times.

As plants ship and transplant best when the weather is not too warm, we suggest ordering them in either April or September.

In addition to our small and standard packets of seed, we have trade sizes. These contain one half ounce and one ounce of seed. Since prices of these change according to season and supply, we quote on request. Please state specific varieties when writing for quotations.

THE WHEN, HOW AND WHERE (To Plant) HERB CHART

SYMBOLS before the name of herb: E—Easy germination; C—Requires care.

SYMBOLS after the herb: O—Open ground; S—Seedbed or frame; OS—Either.

FOR EARLY SPRING PLANTING (When the apple is in bloom)

E—Saffron (O)	C—Skirret (OS)	C—Sorrel (OS)
C—Parsley (O)	C—Rosemary (S)	E—Woad (O)
C—Chervil (O)	C—Lavender (S)	E—Dill (O)
E—Balm (OS)	C—Ambrosia (O)	E—Borage (O)
E—Catnip (OS)	E—Perilla (O)	C—Clary (O)
E—Thyme (OS)	E—Horehound (OS)	E—Hyssop (OS)
C—Wormwood (OS)	E—Monarda (S)	E—Sage (OS)
E—Coriander (O)	E—Caraway (O)	E—Nept (OS)
E—Savory (OS)	E—Betony (OS)	C—Chives (O)
E—Burnet (OS)	E—Chamomile (O)	E—Fennel (O)
C—Mugwort (OS)	E—Rue (OS)	E—Fever Few (S)

NOTE: Those marked (O) do not transplant; thin for proper spacing.

FOR LATE SPRING PLANTING (When the ground is really warm)

E—Anise (O)	C—Heliotrope (S)	C—Santolina (S)
C—Basil (OS)	C—Elecampagne (S)	
E—Sesame (O)	C—Marjoram (S)	

FOR FALL PLANTING (Late October or early November in North)

All those varieties listed for early spring planting may be sown in late autumn (to germinate in spring) with the exception of Saffron, Thyme, Skirret, Rosemary, Nept, Chives, Fennel and Fever Few.

The first step in planting herbs is to choose a sunny, well drained spot. Full sun and good drainage are necessary for most varieties.

The second step is to prepare the ground or seedbed carefully. The larger seeds may be covered with soil and tamped down. The small seeds should be barely powdered with sifted soil or else sprinkled on top of the prepared earth and gently firmed in with a ruler.

When the ground is moist in spring, no watering is necessary for germination. Seedlings in seedbed or frame will require a certain amount of moisture until transplanted to permanent positions.

All herb seed planted directly in the garden (open ground) must be thinned to stand six to ten inches apart, depending on size of mature plant. Many perennials will require a spacing of one foot to two feet.

Trim off faded flower stalks and many herbs will bloom again during the summer or fall. Prune old wood of perennials in fall. Mulch roots of low varieties for winter by heaping earth over them. Half hardy perennials should be banked with straw or leaves.

